

even people with good credit can't get homes, can't get home loans, can't get car loans, our tax dollars are hard at work making sure foreign countries get helped first.

Instead of giving billions of dollars worth of tax breaks and incentives to American companies who manufacture American products and hire American workers, our government has sided with foreign countries instead of being on the side of the American worker.

To compound the problem, the United States has record trade deficits with the rest of the world. So while our government punishes American companies who actually make things with high taxes, burdensome regulations, petty environmental restrictions and unfair trade laws, foreign countries are getting American tax dollars to invest in their business infrastructure so they can take away more American jobs during an American recession.

We allowed Bank of America to give \$7 billion in taxpayer money to China, \$7 billion in Americans' money to communist China, so they can build up their military and steal American jobs. That's criminal.

The AIG bonus scandal is a big deal. The Treasury losing track of where the bailout money is going is appalling. But it's too late to just ask where the money's going or to try to get back the taxpayer-subsidized bonuses, although those are good starts.

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What we need to do now is stop spending. Just stop. No more TARP. No more stimulus. No cap-and-trade energy tax on small businesses, and surely, no more bailing out foreign countries like China and India while we spend and tax and borrow our way into oblivion.

I respectfully ask the President of the United States to put the checkbook down.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF CHRISTINE SARBANES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. KRATOVIL) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. KRATOVIL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life of one of Maryland's finest public servants, Christine Sarbanes—a woman of grace, passion and compassion.

She was a teacher, an activist and a volunteer who gave selflessly to her community, to Maryland, to the Nation, and to the greater world community. Her belief that every individual had the potential to be great fueled her passion for teaching, for spreading literacy worldwide and for providing access to higher learning for each and every student who had a desire to learn.

Christine Sarbanes was a dedicated mother, a full-time educator and both a political partner and adviser to her husband, Senator Paul Sarbanes.

For many of us, each job alone would constitute enough to leave a legacy, but for Christine, she chose to go above and beyond as a community servant, as an active board member for a number of community and international organizations, and as a tireless fundraiser for causes near to her heart.

I would like to extend the thoughts and prayers of my family and constituents to Senator Sarbanes, to my colleague, Congressman JOHN SARBANES, and to the entire Sarbanes family.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. GOODLATTE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. GOODLATTE addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. BARTLETT) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. BARTLETT. Mr. Speaker, I am going to speak from this side of the aisle because it is where Paul Sarbanes would have stood.

When I came here almost 17 years ago, I would see Senator Sarbanes at social functions with this very attractive brunette on his arm, and I said to myself: Paul married well, didn't he? Then Christine came to my office as an advocate for schools and teachers, and I was wowed. When she left, I said to myself: Paul not only married well, he married up. Then, one day, my wife, when I came home, told me that at a spouse's event that day she had talked to Christine and that Christine told her that they had decided to retire because, as she told my wife—and Mr. Speaker, I am going to have a little trouble with this—they wanted to retire while they could still both climb steps.

I regret very much that Christine had far too few years to climb those steps with Paul.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WOOLSEY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Ms. WOOLSEY addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from Maryland (Ms. EDWARDS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. EDWARDS of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as a Marylander in honor of another Marylander, Christine Sarbanes, and in honor of her service and of her legacy to the State of Maryland and to the people of the

Fourth Congressional District, which I represent.

I did not know Christine Sarbanes in the way that you know a person. I knew her as a public person. I first met Christine Sarbanes at an elementary school at an event, and she didn't even know I was at the back of the school, but what I observed of Christine Sarbanes was her gentleness and tenacity and her love of education and her love of children.

I think, in some ways, you know a person sometimes by the people around them—by their children, by their spouses—and so we know Christine Sarbanes by her husband, our beloved Senator Paul Sarbanes, by her son and our colleague—JOHN SARBANES—and her other children. We see in them the gentleness and the smarts and the tenacity and the passion that was Christine Sarbanes. So it is with a heavy heart that we celebrate Christine Sarbanes' legacy.

I said to JOHN SARBANES yesterday, as he mentioned that it is difficult to know how much you miss a person until they are gone, that when one loses a parent—and I know about the loss of a parent—that the sadness of today becomes a joy of tomorrow when you remember a smile, when you remember something that happened when you were growing up, and it touches your heart in a different way.

So I wish for former Senator Paul Sarbanes, for JOHN SARBANES and for the entire Sarbanes family that there will be days down the line when they will remember Christine Sarbanes with that joy and with a little bit more lightness of their hearts than they are experiencing today.

#### DOD REPORT ON CHINA'S MILITARY POWER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. FORBES) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, today, the Department of Defense released its annual report to Congress on China's military power.

The report released is an important reminder of why the Congressional China Caucus, the Congress and the American people should continue to monitor not only the expansion of China's military power but the way they exercise judgment in the use of it and other elements of national influence.

China's continuing buildup of advanced cruise missiles that can target aircraft carriers and other ships, its 260-ship Navy as compared to our 283-ship Navy, and its continued arm shipments to unstable countries demonstrates a global focus rather than a regional one.

Regrettably, over the past year, several incidents have threatened the strength of U.S.-Sino relations. In the last year, the FBI has stated that China has the most aggressive espionage program facing our Nation. U.S.